

## SOLDIERS' HOME GARDENERS RAISE PRIZE CORN CROP

Stalks Tower to Height of  
Seventeen Feet.

DEMONSTRATES LAND VALUE

W. McGrath, Scientific Farmer, Shows How Land in and Near the District of Columbia Can Be Turned to Rich Account with the Proper Treatment.

The value of the soil in and around Washington for the production of corn is indicated by the crop which has been grown at the Soldiers' Home this summer. The crop has just reached its maturity, and well demonstrates what Washington soil tilled by a trained hand along scientific lines can produce.

The corn at Soldiers' Home is seventeen feet tall. The height can be fully comprehended in the accompanying cut, when it is known that the man in the white jacket is six feet tall. The view of the corn is impressive, with the tall stalks extending over a vast area and waving slightly to and fro in the gentle autumnal breeze. It is indeed a surprising sight, when it is considered that the Home is just about in the heart of the District and not very far from the center of the city proper.

### Scientific Farming.

The crop at Soldiers' Home was raised by William McGrath, the farm superintendent. Mr. McGrath has taken a course at the Maryland Agricultural College, and the value of scientific farming is shown in the result of his year's labor in the fields. The ears of corn are of excellent quality. They are unusually large and perfectly formed.

The success of the Soldiers' Home crop probably will induce many persons to purchase land in and surrounding the District for the growing of corn. Experts of the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, say that there are thousands of acres of land within a radius of twenty to fifty miles of Washington which can be purchased now for \$2 or \$3 an acre, and which, by scientific culture, could be turned into most valuable trucking ground.

The officials of the Department of Agriculture are much interested in the results that have been obtained at the home. The committee on publicity of the Chamber of Commerce will soon give Prof. Whitney, Chief of the Bureau of Soils, a hearing on the value of surrounding lands. The Chamber will then be able to advise to farmers the attractions of excellent though cheap land within a few miles of all the conveniences offered by the city. This booming of the surrounding country will greatly benefit commercial Washington.

### SEVERAL HOUSES SOLD.

Charles Rouser and U. S. Catlett Among Week's Buyers.

The following sales have been made public by Harry V. Bouie & Co.: To Charles Rouser, the six-room house at 1447 Florida avenue northwest. Price, \$1,500. To U. S. Catlett, the nine-room house on Twenty-seventh street and Woodley road. Price, \$6,950. To Johan Kondrup, an unimproved lot on H street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets northeast. Price, \$2,000.

### Mrs. McCalla Takes House.

The large brick and sandstone dwelling at 1750 Massachusetts avenue, formerly the home of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop, has been leased through Poe & Hill, by Mrs. McCalla, widow of Rear Admiral E. H. McCalla. The house, which contains about twenty rooms and four baths, is undergoing extensive interior alterations. The same firm has leased to Dr. John Dunlap the residence at 1712 Twenty-second street northwest.

### BUILDING NOTES.

The George A. Fuller Construction Company is figuring on preliminary estimates for the University Club Building, which will be erected on the southwest corner of Fifteenth and K streets, opposite McPherson square.

The plans for the building, in the hands of George Oakley Totten, Jr., have been practically completed, as far as the interior work is concerned, but the exterior will undergo an almost complete change from the first plans, and will be much less ornate than was first intended.

The new home of Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, on the northwest corner of Sixteenth and V streets, is practically completed. It will be ready to be turned over to Justice Hughes within two weeks.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new home of Senator Bailey, of Texas, who recently declared his intention to retire from office at the expiration of his present term, and who will take up the practice of law in this city. The Bailey home, which will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000, will be ready for occupancy this fall. Plans were by George Oakley Totten, Jr.

The first work on the new home of Dr. T. A. Clayton, in R street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, started this week. The house, which was designed by T. J. D. Fuller, the Seventeenth street architect, will be of the colonial type with English basement. On the first floor will be the offices and a living room, the reception hall, and the dining-room will be on the main floor. The second floor will contain three bedrooms and the third floor two guest rooms and two servant rooms.

T. J. D. Fuller, the local architect, returned to his desk this week after a month spent in the Maine wilds, hunting and fishing.

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## FERTILE SUBURBAN LAND.



Corn growing seventeen feet high.

### FOUR RESIDENCES SOLD.

N. L. Sansbury Company Has Fair Week.

The N. L. Sansbury Company reports the following sales in Saul's addition: To M. J. Tansey, lot 36 square 222. The lot has a frontage of forty feet. The price was about \$2,000.

To Jennie M. G. Carroll, 134 Chittenden street, a two-story, cellar and attic, nine-room and bath residence. The lot has a frontage of forty feet, and a depth of 130 feet.

To M. Mayo Herring, in connection with W. S. Holton, 1213 Delafield street,

a two-story and cellar residence. The price was about \$5,000.

For Lewis Breuninger, 331 Observatory place. The sale was made in connection with H. W. Offut.

To Herbert R. Morgan, 307 Observatory place, a six-room, reception hall and bath residence, on a lot with a frontage of twenty-two feet. Mr. Morgan will occupy the house.

### Hagner Reports Leases.

Randall H. Hagner, the real estate broker, reports the following leases: To James Vanderbilt, Carlisle, 2121 R street northwest, to Jerome J. Wilbur, 1544 Minnesota place northwest, to Commander A. F. Clark, U. S. N., 2126 LeRoy place.

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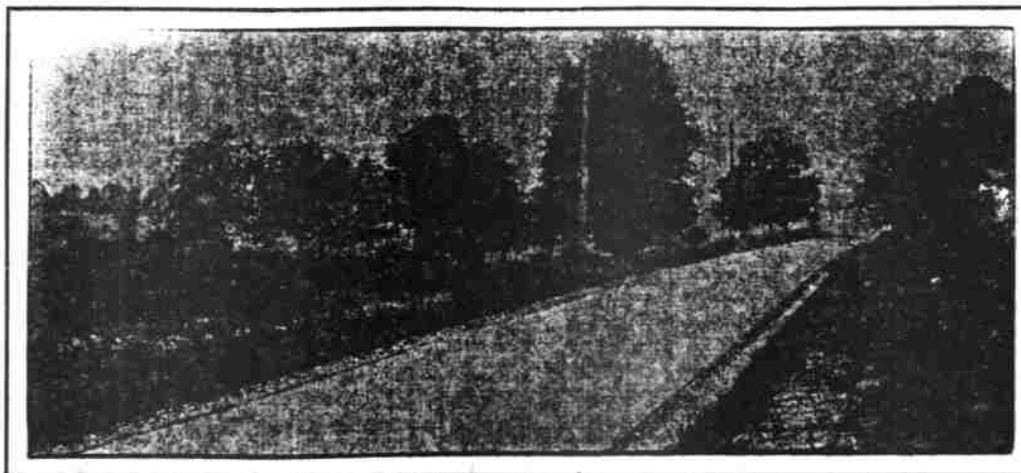
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